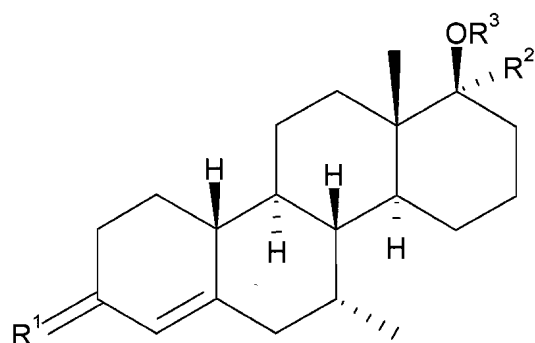


**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claim 1. (original) A compound of formula I,



formula I

wherein,

$R^1$  is O, or NOR, with R being hydrogen,  $(C_{1-6})$  alkyl or  $(C_{1-6})$  acyl,

$R^2$  is methyl or ethyl, and

$R^3$  is hydrogen or  $(C_{1-15})$  acyl.

Claim 2. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is O.

Claim 3. (previously presented) A compound according to claim 1, wherein  $R^1$  is O and  $R^3$  is hydrogen.

Claim 4. (original) The compound  $(7\alpha,17\alpha\beta)$ -17 $\alpha$ -hydroxy-7,17 $\alpha$ -dimethyl-D-homoestr-4-en-3-one.

Claim 5. (cancelled)

Claim 6. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 1 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claims 7-9. (cancelled)

Claim 10. (previously presented) The compound according to claim 2, wherein  $R^1$  is O and  $R^3$  is hydrogen.

Claim 11. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 2 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 12. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 3 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 13. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 4 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 14. (previously presented) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a compound according to claim 10 and a pharmaceutically acceptable excipient.

Claim 15. (previously presented) A method of contraception, comprising administering to a male patient an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.

Claim 16. (previously presented) A method of treating androgen insufficiency, comprising administering to a male patient suffering from androgen insufficiency an effective amount of a compound according to claim 1.